

House Resolution 119 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 119

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1 A Resolution honoring the life and work of Eliot
2 Keller.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Eliot Keller was a journalist,
4 entrepreneur, and community activist — all at the same
5 time; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Keller advocated and advanced causes
7 especially for citizen involvement in the legislative
8 process, cohesive intergovernmental cooperation and
9 sharing, and passenger train travel; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1971, as a tireless promoter for the
11 Cedar Rapids-Iowa City area, Mr. Keller founded radio
12 station KRNA in Iowa City and continued as a "radio
13 man" for his entire, distinguished career with the KZIA
14 family of stations; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Keller's role as a passionate advocate
16 for railroads in Iowa and transportation in general,
17 and in initiating, advocating, and supporting
18 passenger train service, has strengthened the Midwest
19 transportation landscape and helped ensure that
20 passenger service will become a reality in Iowa's
21 future; and

22 WHEREAS, throughout a 40-year career Mr. Keller was
23 frequently recognized for his boundless vision and
24 public service, being named to the Iowa Broadcasters
25 Hall of Fame, and receiving the Russell Slade Lifetime
26 Service Award and the Iowa City Area Chamber of
27 Commerce's Volunteer of the Year award, just to name a
28 few of the many accolades honoring him; and

1 WHEREAS, even though Mr. Keller has now succumbed to
2 Lou Gehrig's disease, even in death his contributions
3 to the community continue through memorials made to
4 a variety of community organizations and through the
5 ongoing Iowa Broadcast News Association Eliot A. Keller
6 Scholarship, funded by friends of Mr. Keller; NOW
7 THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
9 the House of Representatives pauses to note the passing
10 of a remarkable man, Eliot Keller, and to honor his
11 dedication to journalistic excellence, to community
12 service, and to his passionate advocacy over four
13 decades.